

OF NOTE

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BLOOD

United Blood Services, 768-1408, holds blood drives on Kirtland AFB at:

- ★ Sandia National Labs every Tuesday, 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
- ★ NCO Academy, **May 17**, 8:30-11:30 a.m.
- ★ Defense Threat Reduction Agency, **May 20**, 7:30-11:30 a.m.

BRIEFINGS

All mandatory Suicide Prevention training is in the theater on:

- ★ **May 26**, 7 a.m., 3 p.m.
- ★ **June 9**, 7 a.m., 3 p.m.; **June 23**, 7 a.m.
- ★ **July 13**, 7 a.m., 3 p.m.
- ★ **Aug. 11**, 7 a.m., 3 p.m.
- ★ **Sept. 16**, 7 a.m.; **Sept. 29**, 7 a.m., 3 p.m.
- ★ **Oct. 13**, 7 a.m., 3 p.m.; **Oct. 21**, 7 a.m.
- ★ **Nov. 3**, 7 a.m., 3 p.m.; **Nov. 23**, 7 a.m., 3 p.m.
- ★ **Dec. 8**, 7 a.m., 3 p.m.; **Dec. 16**, 7 a.m.; **Dec. 22**, 7 a.m., 3 p.m.

CLOSINGS

Legal assistance May 10-14, other than emergency service, will not be available due to the Operational Readiness Exercise. Notary services and powers of attorney will continue on the regular schedule of **Monday-Friday**, 8-10:30 a.m. Call 846-4217.

EDUCATION

Airman Leadership School Graduation Ceremony for Class 04-E and lunch May 20 are 11:30 a.m. in the Mountain View Club. Tickets for \$8 a person for club members are available from ALS students and at 377MSS.DPN@kirtland.af.mil. Tickets are \$10 for nonmembers of the club. For upcoming class information, visit the ALS Web site at www.mil.kirtland.af.mil/Organizations/als/ALS%20Home.

Computer training for Air Force spouses, May-August, is in the Family Support Center, Consolidated Support Building. Register at the Family Support Center. Call 846-0741 or 846-0751

The AFRAT reading and comprehension exam is available free to all military members. The score indicates an individual's reading ability as measured by school year, grade school through high school. The exam can help discover reading problems or preparation for college. Make an appointment, 846-9933.

The CLEP college credit exam program has changed. 14 of the most popular CLEP exams are available on base. All 35

CLEP exams are available at off-base testing centers. Advance approval is necessary. Call 846-8955.

Developmental education opportunities for officers for 2005-2006 school year require completion of required preference application online. The officer and senior rater must complete the application by **May 21**. Access the application at the AFPC Developmental Education site at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/pme/. See Page 15 for more information.

EVENTS

Asian American Pacific Islander committee has meetings every Thursday, 11:30 a.m. at Building 20684, Room B101. The Great Aloha Cookout is **May 25**, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Call Tech. Sgt. Ligaya White, 846-4225.

Couples night at the Daily Grind, tonight, 7-10 p.m., free cappuccino, coffee and snacks, as part of Military Spouse Appreciation Month.

Book tent sale at the BX, through May 15, includes the first BX arts and crafts bazaar, today and tomorrow, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

The 2004 Armed Forces Banquet is May 15, in the Hyatt Regency Downtown. Reception, 6 p.m., dinner, 7 p.m. Gen. Gregory S. Martin, AFMC commander, is guest speaker. Tickets are \$35 for active duty. Dress is mess dress or black tie optional. Call Melissa Presson, 764-3743.

The Jay Benson Triathlon is a three-mile run, 12-mile bike ride and quarter-mile swim in the pool, May 16, 8 a.m. Registration, open to 400 participants, is at fitness centers, the pool and online at www.poppyfield.com/triclub/.

FAMILY

Pre-deployment briefings are Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 10 a.m. or 2 p.m. or Thursday, 5 p.m. at the Family Support Center. Call Master Sgt. Lloyd McKenzie or Jane Gates, 846-0741.

Bundles for Babies briefing May 10, 8:30-11 a.m., in the Family Support Center. Call 846-0741.

Spotlight on Spouses workshop and lunch, May 20, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., in the Family Support Center. Child care is available.

Hearts Apart Family Arcade Night, May 21, 5 p.m., in the Consolidated Support Building Room 120. Families with deployed members can call Master Sgt. Lloyd McKenzie, 846-0741.

Hearts Apart members visit Rio Grande Zoo, May 22 or 23. Call 846-0741.

Spouses corsage or boutonniere, May 27, are given while supplies last at the Commissary, starting at 10 a.m. as part of Military Spouses Month.

Pre-separation Briefings by appointment in the Family Support Center are made by calling 846-0741. This is mandatory for separating or retiring military personnel. Appointments are required 90 days before separation, retirement or terminal leave.

Educate yourself on inhalant abuse. Visit the National Inhalant Prevention Coalition site at www.inhalant.org. A local e-mail is nmipc@comcast.net.

MEETINGS

American Federation of Government Employees Local 2263 meets the second Tuesday each month, 4:15 p.m., in the Civil Air Patrol Conference Room, Building 926. All bargaining unit employees are encouraged to attend. Call 846-4363, fax, 853-2343 or afge.2263@kirtland.af.mil. The union's Web site is www.afge2263.org.

ODDS/ENDS

The League of United Latin American Citizens is seeking nominations for the 2004 LULAC Excellence in Military Service Award. For information about nominating active duty Air Force or Reserve members who have distinguished themselves in the war on terrorism, whose activities best support the ideals of duty, honor and country, or who best epitomize the Air Force core values and citizen warrior, contact Tech. Sgt. Kyshia Newsome, by May 10 at 846-5830 or kyshia.newsome@kirtland.af.mil.

Formal reveille and retreat ceremonies are held in front of the Kirtland NCO Academy, Building 916. Ceremonies are **Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 a.m. and 4 p.m.** Expect traffic delays.

Memorial Day Ceremony volunteers are needed at the Veterans Memorial Park on Louisiana, 9 a.m. Needed are 50-60 state flag bearers, 10 wreath bearers and escorts. Call Senior Master Sgt. William Cole, 853-5591.

Environmental Protection Committee meeting postponed in April is May 13, 1 p.m., in the Wing Conference Room.

The Individual Equipment Unit relocated to Building 1015, 4200 Randolph Ave. SE. Call IEU personnel at 846-0075. For emergency requests for deployment issues, call Christine Schneider at 846-0135 or 991-0609.

Quality musicians and vocalists interested in performing at the Chapel's contemporary praise service may call Chap., Capt. Mark A. Crumpton, 846-5691.

Extended Duty Child Care is available for people with additional military requirements. Call, 846-1802.

Outbound Smooth Move Brief, May 11, 1:30-3 p.m., in the Family Support Center. Call 846-0741.

Resume Writing Workshop, May 12, 1:30-4 p.m., in the Family Support Center. Register at 846-0741.

Home Buyers Seminar, May 13, 1-3 p.m., in the Family Support Center. Register at 846-0741.

Military Equal Opportunity and Equal Employment Opportunity offices move soon to the 377th Air Base Wing Headquarters Building 20604. For information, call 846-5501 for MEO and 846-5369 for EEO.

Computer class for military spouses, May-September, are offered in the Distance Learning Center. Call 846-0741 or 846-0751 to register.

Tobacco cessation program at the Health and Wellness Center, Building 20238 next to the East Fitness Center is a five-week session. Group session include understanding addiction, behavior and stress management, fitness, nutrition and relapse prevention techniques. Classes are **Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m., and Thursdays, 5:30 p.m.** Call 846-1186.

Budgeting 101, May 18, 1:30 p.m., in the Family Support Center. Register at 846-0741.

Federal Jobs Application Preparation Workshop, May 19, 1:30-4 p.m., in the Family Support Center. Register at 846-0741.

Sponsor Training, May 25, is 10 a.m., in the Family Support Center. Be the commander's ambassador, welcoming newcomers to the installation. Register four or five months in advance of newcomers' arrival and receive information from Family Support for the job. Call 846-0741.

Starting a Small Business Workshop, May 26, 9-11:30 a.m., in the Family Support Center. Register at 846-0741.

Welcome to New Mexico Tour, May 26, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., starting from the Family Support Center. Register at 846-0741.

Interviewing Skills Workshop, May 27, 8-11 a.m., in the Family Support Center. Register at 846-0741.

Home Sellers Seminar, May 27, 1-3 p.m., in the Family Support Center. Register at 846-0741.

OF NOTE

PERSONNEL

Thrift Savings Plan Open Season is through June 30. Federal Employees Retirement System employees may contribute 14 percent or less of their basic pay. Civil Service Retirement System employees may contribute 9 percent or less of their basic pay. Effective date of contribution elections made between April 15 and June 12 will be **June 13**. Elections made June 13-26 will be effective **June 27**, and elections made June 27-30 will be effective **July 11**.

Comprehensive pre-deployment civilian checklist is at <https://www.dp.hq.af.mil/dppr/docs/civmob.cfm>. Deploying civilians can call Becca Hosek, at Air Force Materiel Command PDCC, DSN 986-2798.

Civil service employees performing military duty are placed on Leave Without Pay-Uniformed Services unless the employee chooses to be separated. Submit a Request for Personnel Action, SF-52. For information, contact Alfreda L. Fain, 846-8953.

Career job reservations are required by all first term Airmen during their designated window. After **May 31**, members who are beyond their CJR window and do not have an approved CJR or an approved retraining on file will separate on their date of separation. Contact the Military Personnel Flight Reenlistments Office for more information.

Air Force Reserve can use your active duty experience. Earn retirement credit while enjoying benefits of being in the military. Call Master Sgt. Vera Romano, 846-0544.

Disability Transition Assistance Program is today, 9-11 a.m., in the Family Support Center. Bring your medical record. Call 846-0741 to register.

Veterans Affairs Benefits and Entitlements Briefing today is 1-4 p.m., in the Family Support Center. Call 846-0741.

ROADS

Aberdeen Street eastbound lane is closed between Eileen Street and Truman Avenue until tomorrow. Traffic is routed to Doris Street and Randolph Avenue. Westbound lane remains open.

The Post Office vehicle mailbox traffic route has been reconfigured with directional arrows on the pavement to help customers safely handle their postal business.

Lowry Street between Carlisle Boulevard and Maxwell Street is closed until May 19. Traffic is routed to Kirtland Drive and Aberdeen Avenue while a gas line is installed in the area. Follow detour signs and drive carefully in the construction zone.

VOLUNTEERS

The 377th Air Base Wing Inspector General office seeks an energetic, highly motivated senior noncommissioned officer for the position of Complaints and Inquiries superintendent. Duties include receiving complaints, drafting allegations, conducting investigations, documenting findings, processing congressional inquiries and budget management. Application deadline is May 21. Interviews are conducted June 2-4 for the position that will be filled July 19. Call Rebecca Auringer or Col. William Cleckner, 846-2411.

Volunteer escorts for Scout troops are needed to help scouts visiting Kirtland AFB while enroute to summer destinations. Contact Kirtland AFB Scout liaison 1st Lt. Robert Hill at 846-5094.

The Tribute to Women in the Military Committee needs an active duty woman senior office for chairman, co-chairman and committee members for the 2005 event. Call Marsha Thole at 856-3352 or Betty Brooks at 821-1092.

'FREE, all you can eat buffet!'

(We really can't promise you this, but we can promise you a rewarding and challenging opportunity to be involved, and to add value to your career.)



**You are invited to join us
the second Thursday of each month at 3 p.m.
in the Mountain View Club's Stripes Lounge**